

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
WACO DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**DANIEL JEREMIAH PLEAS**

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**CRIMINAL NO. W-17-CR-216-ADA**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

TO: THE HONORABLE ALAN D ALBRIGHT,  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned submits this Report and Recommendation to the district judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Rule 1 of Appendix C of the Local Court Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrate Judges. Before the Court is the petition of the United States Probation Office recommending the revocation of the Defendant's term of supervision. The district judge referred the matter to the undersigned for the preparation of a report and recommendation.

**I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

The Defendant was convicted of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2). The Court sentenced the Defendant to 24 months imprisonment; 3 years supervised release; and ordered to comply with mandatory and special conditions of probation. The Defendant was released to supervision on October 14, 2022. On March 25, 2024, the United States Probation Office filed a Petition for Warrant or Summons for Offender Under Supervision, alleging the Defendant violated the terms of his supervision and

seeking a show-cause hearing as to why the Defendant's supervision should not be revoked. The petition alleges the Defendant violated the terms of his supervision in the following instances:

**Violation Number 1:** The defendant violated mandatory condition Number 3, in that, on or about October 23, 2023, the defendant unlawfully used a controlled substance, namely amphetamines and opiates.

**Violation Number 2:** The defendant violated mandatory condition Number 3, in that, on or about February 23, 2024, the defendant admitted to using marijuana.

**Violation Number 3:** The defendant violated standard condition Number 13, in that on or about February 23, 2024, the defendant did not follow the instructions of the probation officer.

**Violation Number 4:** The defendant violated standard condition Number 13, in that, on or about March 11, 2024, the defendant did not follow the instructions of the probation officer.

**Violation Number 5:** The defendant violated standard condition Number 13, in that on or about March 12, 2024, the defendant did not follow the instructions of the probation officer.

At the hearing, Defendant plead TRUE as to violation numbers 1 through 5. The Government then presented evidence that would support a finding of TRUE, by a preponderance of the evidence, as to the violations.

## **II. FINDINGS OF THE COURT**

1. The Defendant violated the conditions of his supervision as alleged in the petition.
2. The Defendant was competent to make the decision to enter a plea to the allegations.
3. The Defendant had both a factual and rational understanding of the proceedings against him.
4. The Defendant did not suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would affect his ability to fully understand the charges against him or the consequences of his plea.

5. The Defendant has not had any injury that would affect his judgment in entering a plea or that would affect his understanding of the basis, consequences, or effect of his plea.
6. The Defendant was sane and mentally competent to stand trial for these proceedings.
7. The Defendant was sane and mentally competent to assist his attorney in the preparation and conduct of his defense.
8. The Defendant received a copy of the petition naming him, and he either read it or had it read to him.
9. The Defendant understood the petition and the charges alleged against him and had the opportunity to discuss the petition and charges with his attorney.
10. The Defendant understood that he had the right to present evidence and to cross-examine witnesses at the hearing.
11. The Defendant freely, intelligently, and voluntarily entered his plea to the allegations.
12. The Defendant understood his statutory and constitutional rights and desired to waive them.

### **III. RECOMMENDATION**

The undersigned has carefully considered all the arguments and evidence presented by the parties and **RECOMMENDS** that the Defendant's supervised release not be revoked, that Defendant be continued on supervised release with the additional conditions that Defendant be required to attend an intensive substance abuse outpatient treatment program, at a location acceptable by the probation officer, and that Defendant shall enroll in a vocational or higher educational program either full-time or in combination with employment.

### **IV. WARNINGS**

The parties may file objections to this Report and Recommendation. A party filing objections must specifically identify those findings or recommendations to which objections are being made. The district court need not consider frivolous, conclusive, or general objections. *See Battles v. United States Parole Comm'n*, 834 F.2d 419, 421 (5th Cir. 1987).

A party's failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations contained in this Report within fourteen (14) days after the party is served with a copy of the Report shall bar that party from de novo review by the district judge of the proposed findings and recommendations in the Report and, except upon grounds of plain error, shall bar the party from appellate review of unobjected-to proposed factual findings and legal conclusions accepted by the district judge. *See* 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(C); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150-53 (1985); *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1428-29 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc).

SIGNED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
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DEREK T. GILLILAND  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE